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Application No. 10/073,495
Filing Date February 11, 2002
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Art Unit 2116
Examiner Name Chen, Tse W.
Attorney Docket No. 42P9143

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 - b. Other _____
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In re the Application of: Stevens, Jr. et al. (inventor(s))

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LINKING FIRMWARE MODULES IN A PRE-MEMORY EXECUTION ENVIRONMENT

(title)

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Response for the above-referenced application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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X100	\$
+180	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$

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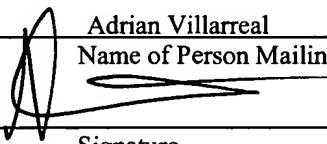
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